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April 7, 2022

JOHN STEGALL HEATH CPA, TREASURER COMMITTEE TO ELECT MIKE EZELL P.O. BOX 1842 GULFPORT, MS 39502

Response Due Date 05/12/2022

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00776393

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2021 - 12/31/2021)

#### Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a corporation(s) and/or labor organization(s) (see attached). 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)) and 11 CFR § 103.3(b) prohibit the receipt of contributions from corporations and labor organizations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with clarifying information

If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2))

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) of the report covering the period in which the refund is made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the prohibited amount will be taken into consideration.

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2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a limited liability corporation(s) (LLC) (see attached). 11 C.F.R. §110.1(g) allows the receipt of contributions from LLCs providing the LLC is treated as a partnership for tax purposes, and has not elected to be treated as a corporation by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Both LLCs that claim corporate status and those that are publicly traded would be treated as corporations for FECA purposes.

Please amend your report to clarify if the LLCs in question are treated as partnerships. If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with clarifying information.

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Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RFAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit

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www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1171.

Sincerely,

Jessica Grainger

Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

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# Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions Committee to Elect Mike Ezell (C00776393)

## **Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities**

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Ally Telecom Group LLC	12/22/21	\$900.00	P2022
CAH Metairie, LLC	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
CAH Red Stick, LLC	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
FUCOM, LLC	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Gulfport Personnel Services	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Hattiesburg Employment Professionals, LLC	11/8/21	\$2,000.00	P2022
Hopewell Farms, LLC	12/21/21	\$500.00	P2022
JCM Tampa NE, LLC	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Jerry Lee's Grocery No. 1	10/8/21	\$300.00	P2022
Network Communications International	12/30/21	\$1,800.00	P2022
Stella Gray Consulting, LLC	11/8/21	\$1,000.00	P2022